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Just wait for Nebraska's 1901 corn crop. Texas' oil output will not be a marker.

Where is our conscientious county attorney while all these protected prize fights are being pulled off in South Omaha?

Governor Savage wants it distinctly understood that he has no leniency for real bull fighting and no patience with sham bull fighting.

The people of South Carolina may never realize what a change they passed up to acquire a double deadlock on two United States senators.

Bernhardt promises to visit America again. Several of our American actors and actresses would be glad to visit Paris as a guaranty of equal profits.

A New York jury has returned a verdict of acquittal on charges of playing golf on Sunday. Members of the local Country club may now breathe easier.

Senator Dietrich will pay his own way on his forthcoming trip to the Philippines. The question is, Will Congressmen Mercer pay his own way anywhere?

Better pay up all your debts before the end of the month rolls around and avoid having a surplus of stamped check blanks left over after the stamp tax comes off.

Towns all around us are preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July just as if the Declaration of Independence were still unpaired. Here is work for our Bryanite friends.

Now that the Nebraska waves in the federal pit counter are beginning to move, interest in the game will be renewed both by the ins and the outs. There are always more outs, however, than ins.

The new oil company of which Towne, Bryan's late associate, is to be head boss is to be capitalized at \$2,000,000. Think of Towne getting mixed up with the money power to this alarming extent. How can he hope to extricate himself?

That no fight is ever won until it is over is being again illustrated by the contest waging in Iowa for the republican gubernatorial nomination. A lively canvass may be looked for from now on right up to the time of the convention meeting.

There is really no great hurry about granting franchises and rights of way for suburban railways before the proposed power canal has materialized, unless indeed the applicants furnish a guaranty bond to have the road in operation within the next two years.

The great railway consolidation does not seem to have decreased the demand for railway presidents, while the supply appears to be getting shorter. Railway promotions just now are faster than army promotions, with all the stimulus of the late wars and subsequent reorganization.

It must not be forgotten that the bad condition of down town pavements arising in part at least from the repeated relaying of street railway tracks. If the cost of paving repairs is to be assessed on benefited property owners, the street railway company should be presented with a bill for its share.

Postmasters' salaries continue to go up almost invariably on re-ratings based on the business transacted at the various offices throughout Nebraska and Iowa, and the whole country for that matter. The re-rating was usually in the other direction before the republican administration took charge.

Notice is reiterated by semi-official authority that no man need consider himself eligible to a fusion reform nomination for state office this year who has failed to dig up to help pay the expenses of the last Nebraska fusion campaign. This precaution is simply to prevent aspirants from pleading ignorance when asked to produce the receipts for the cash.

THE MACHINISTS' STRIKE.

When the machinists' strike was inaugurated three weeks ago today there was reason to believe that it would not be protracted. Many employers throughout the country had, in advance of the date fixed for the strike, conceded the demand of the International Association of Machinists for a nine-hour work day without any reduction in wages. Other employers agreed to the demand as soon as the strike was entered upon. Thus there seemed to be most favorable promise of an early general settlement of the issue without any serious disturbance to the industries affected.

Now the situation is changed and a prolonged contest is threatened. Indeed appears to be inevitable. Involving, not only the machinists, but all workers in the metal trades. The manufacturers of the Metal Trades' association have declared war on the Association of Machinists and the latter has defiantly accepted the challenge. At a meeting of the administrative council of the manufacturers' association a resolution was adopted declaring null and void every agreement existing between the association and the machinists and a convention of members of the association will meet tomorrow in New York to take further action. The manufacturers charge that the machinists have violated the agreement entered into between their organization and that of the machinists, a year ago, in regard to arbitrating all disputes between employers and employees; this agreement, as stated by the manufacturers, being that pending arbitration there should be no strikes and lock-outs. The manufacturers now declare their purpose to determine the conditions under which their work shall be done and that while no discrimination will be made against union men, they will have nothing more to do with the International Association of Machinists.

The reply of the latter organization is no less decided and uncompromising. It declares that its demands will not be modified and that labor will not be resumed until a shorter work day is an accomplished fact. It is asserted by the president of the association that it did all it could to get a satisfactory adjustment by pacific measures, offering to accept any decision reached by arbitration that would cover the question nationally, but that every effort at conciliation was refused by the employers.

Thus the issue is clearly defined and a prolonged contest, which may involve hundreds of thousands of men employed in the metal industries, appears unavoidable. To what extent sympathetic strikes may be inaugurated it is impossible to foresee, but it is by no means improbable that there will be many such. A dispatch from Bridgeport, Conn., states that a sympathetic strike, which will probably have the effect of tying up all the factories in that city employing union men and putting 15,000 operatives out of employment, is likely to begin today. It is quite possible that such manifestations of sympathy with the machinists will become general and that the conflict will ultimately become the most formidable this country has ever experienced.

It is a most unfortunate situation, that may prove to be pregnant with danger to the business and prosperity of the country. The metal industries have for several years been highly prosperous. The export of their products has been steadily growing. A protracted strike of the workers in these industries must inevitably injure the export trade and if other industries become involved the consequences to general business will be serious. The situation warrants the gravest apprehension.

WHY WHO IN OMAHA.

The controversy over Fire Chief Redell seems to have created a great deal of confusion in the minds of ordinarily well informed people concerning the government of Omaha and the functions devolving upon the various departments.

Under the charter, which defines the powers and duties of all our municipal officers, the government of the city of Omaha devolves upon the mayor and city council and five elective officers—the treasurer, comptroller, police judge, city clerk and tax commissioner. The mayor is the chief executive officer and conservator of the peace and is directly responsible for the enforcement of law and order. The charter empowers the mayor and council to create such officers as they deem necessary for the efficient management of the affairs of the city, but the charter expressly exempts from this provision the fire and police departments of the city, whose government is vested in a board of fire and police commissioners, of which the mayor is the head. In other words, the responsibility for the government of the fire and police departments is exclusively vested in the mayor and police commission. The relations of the city council to this board are practically the same as those the council bears to the library board and the park commission. The council levies taxes for the support of the fire and police departments, just as it levies taxes for the maintenance of the public library or the public parks.

The mere fact that members of the library board and members of the park board are subject to confirmation by the council before they can exercise their official functions does not give the council supervisory powers over the employees of the park commission or of the public library board. The council has no more power to appoint, promote, discipline or dismiss the city librarian than it has to exercise that authority over the landscape artist and other employees appointed by the park board and paid out of the funds raised by the council. For the same reason the council has no right to interfere in the government or discipline of the fire and police departments, notwithstanding the fact that the money expended under the direction of the police commission is raised by the council.

The misconception as to the powers of the city council to interfere in the government of the fire and police departments doubtless arises out of the confusion created by former contests

as to whether the governor was vested with the power to appoint the police commission or whether that power was lodged in the mayor and council. Since the supreme court declared in favor of home rule all contention as regards the title of the present commission is futile. So long as the present charter remains unchanged the police and fire departments will remain subject to the supervision of the mayor and police commission.

RUSSIA RAISES DUTIES.

The Russian government has again hit American exports to that country. It has increased the duty on bicycles manufactured in this country 30 per cent, which would seem to be intended to exclude them from the Russian market, and it has put up the duties on some other articles imported from the United States. Doubtless it will be claimed that this is done for the protection of home interests, as was done when duties were increased on some American products after the decision of the secretary of the treasury that Russian sugar imported into the United States must pay the countervailing duty which our tariff imposes on sugar upon which an export bounty is paid. We do not know to what extent the manufacturers of bicycles are carried on in Russia. Perhaps the industry needs to be encouraged by greater protection than it has received. If so increasing the duty on bicycles is legitimate. But it appears from the St. Petersburg dispatch that the increase applies only to the American article. This is discrimination and may properly be objected to. It is an unfriendly act to American trade of which we may justly complain and of which we ought to complain if we would not encourage other governments to adopt a like policy toward us.

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Chasing Prosperity.

Indianapolis News.

Ex-Senator Pettigrew is investing heavily in Wyoming oil fields. On the whole, the ex-senator is disposed to take a very cheerful view of things at present.

Will They Emulate Boston?

Boston Transcript.

These Arapahoe Indians, who are said to be arming, may be simply preparing to celebrate the Fourth. The most peaceable citizen is apt, about this time, to go loaded to the muzzle.

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